

Public Notice: Skagway Harbor
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Alaska's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies includes Skagway Harbor for sediment impaired by metals. Sampling conducted in 2007-2008 identified petroleum hydrocarbons from historic sources, not metals, as impacting the marine sediments. A Draft TMDL has been developed for the recovery from petroleum hydrocarbons and is available for public comment.

A TMDL is a "pollution budget" designed to restore the health of an impaired water body. A TMDL calculates how much pollution a water body can sustain and still meet the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and suggests ways to achieve this goal.

Find the draft TMDL and Fact Sheet on the Department of Environmental Conservation website at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wqsar/index.htm>

The public notice period runs from November 14th through December 14th, 2010. A public teleconference including a webinar will be held in Juneau on December 1st from 4-6 pm. For information regarding remote access, contact Brock Tabor (see below) by November 29th, 2010.

Comments must be submitted in writing through e-mail, fax or mail and directed to the contact listed below by 4:30 PM December 14th, 2010.

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For questions, copies of the Draft TMDL, submit comments, or additional information contact:

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